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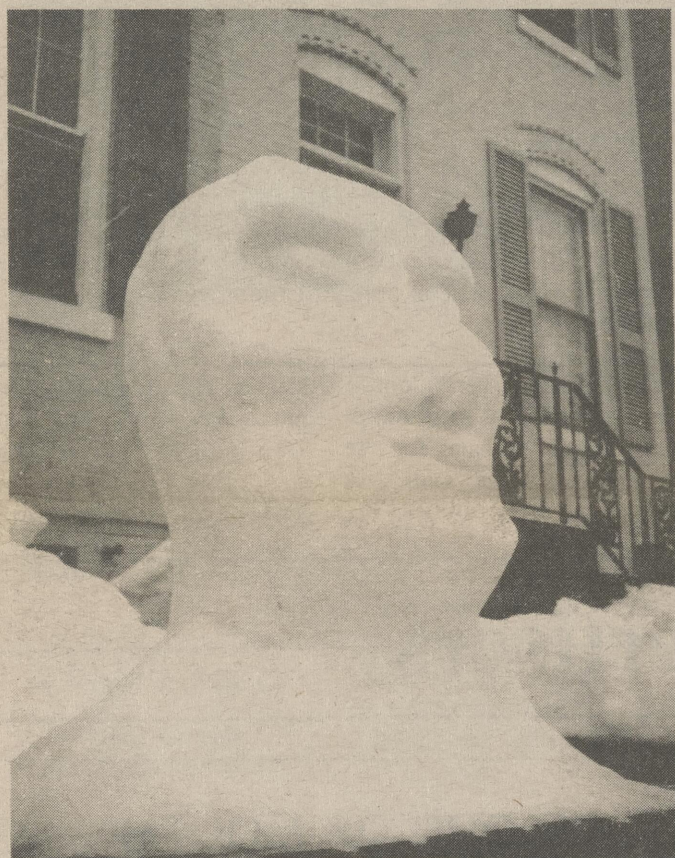
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## We Had a Little Snow, Didn't We?

by Ellie Becker



*Is this Easter Island or Washington, D.C.? This snowman (snowicon?) in front of an Eye Street townhouse was about the only resident of Foggy Bottom to look serene when the area was hit with one of the heaviest snowfalls in recent memory.*

Every time we have snow, I again breathe a little sigh in appreciation for this part of town. While others spend hours on jammed highways, getting home for us, in most cases, is a short ride or walk, and somehow our nearby stores always manage to open — so we don't starve! This is somewhat in contrast to our friends who live in deep suburbia.

Foggy Bottom covered with new snow is a lovely sight to see. The trees and bushes take on a lacy look, the cars are blanketed and seem less intrusive, and all the minor and major flaws in the streets, sidewalks and yards magically disappear.

Unfortunately, in a very short time the fairyland look disappears, leaving behind unwanted ice and ugly piles of

brown snow. But at the beginning . . .

There are also wonderful opportunities for neighborly contacts, as cars are shoveled out, walks and driveways are cleaned and works of snowy and icy art are produced. Two artistic creations were spotted in the 2400 block of Eye Street, and one was recorded on film. The other, in the yard of Debbie Cahill Zelinka, complete with ice towers and flags, had been decimated by the sun before a picture could be taken. We were not able to determine exactly who the artists were, but suspect William Zelinka and his small sister Chloe, perhaps aided by other Foggy Bottom babies somewhat grown. And across the street was seen a snow bust by an unknown artist. The cold temperatures and

less direct sunlight afforded it a longer life.

During snow-scene conversations the subject of the city's snow removal efforts came up with some regularity. In reply to a question several neighbors agreed that the city rarely paid any attention to our streets. One noted that he could remember two occasions in 15 years when Eye Street had been salted or plowed. Another noted that the closest one she had seen was during the big Washington Birthday snow when a truck with plow attached got stuck at the bottom of 25th Street, during its attempt to clear New Hampshire Avenue.

The neighbors were the ones to pitch in to get the plow back on track — but of course it never got to *our* streets. Until this year this Foggy Bottom resident had been philosophical and stoical about the city's non-attention to our streets. After all, these streets were not arterials, and theoretically we could find some way to go about our business without the use of our automobiles. But this year things were a little different. For example, on the Saturday of the big snow, a salt truck was seen going down a side street near the Washington Cathedral. It was not an important street, nor an arterial, and one wondered why that street got attention and ours never did.

One also wondered why some roads were not very clear, despite lots of plow traffic. For example, during one evening,

### Meeting to Feature Business

The February meeting of the FBA will deal with a long list of business items accumulated over the past months. Also on hand will be a representative of Safeway, to answer questions and hear remarks from the community about the Watergate Safeway's operation.



four trucks with plows, working in tandem, plowed the E Street Expressway 3 or 4 times. There is no doubt the people were working, but were their instructions correct? It appeared that there was no snow being moved by the plows. Were the scrapers too high?; was too much being done to too few streets, and could attention

have been spread around better?

And did you notice in the days following the snow that there seemed to be less and less "parallel" parking? As you know, diagonal parking is just about non-existent in large cities, and seems to be a practice only in small towns. During the

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## Meeting Foggy Bottom Association

### General Business Meeting

8:00 P.M.  
FEBRUARY 23, 1987

St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 K Street, N.W.



## CORPORATE MERGER-MANIA COMES TO FOGGY BOTTOM

by Holsey Handyside

Last year, the Marriott Corporation of Bethesda bought a substantial number of Howard Johnson Motor Hotels and Ho-Jo restaurants, and set about adding the strategically located units to its growing empire of hotels, motels, restaurants, and fast food outlets.

The concessionaire who had operated the Ho-Jo restaurant in the Virginia Avenue Howard Johnson Motor Lodge for the past 6-7 years recently departed; the major re-modeling project which began two weeks ago with the gutting of the entire interior of the first floor restaurant signaled the first public impact on Foggy Bottom of the Marriott-Howard Johnson "buy-out."

Although Marriott has not yet made any formal, public announcement, the signs are clear. The Marriott plan to install a Bob's "Big Boy" Family Restaurant on Virginia Avenue is well under way. The Big Boy Division of the Marriott Corporation builds and runs a large chain of eating places which in concept and operation fall between the fast food hamburgers & French fries of the Roy Rogers outlets, and the Fairfield Inn up-scale, sit-down restaurants located in Marriott

hotels/motels (and which can still be found in a handful of stand-alone locations).

If Marriott brings the standardized Bob's Big Boy menu to Foggy Bottom, the Virginia Avenue restaurant will offer a series of traditional American meat, vegetable, and potato (or pasta) platters in the \$4-5 price range coupled with a modest soup and salad bar, and a small selection of straightforward desserts (primarily ice cream and cake). To spice up the menu and liven up the décor, Bob's from time to time mounts a foreign national cuisine specialty. The recently constructed Big Boy restaurant in Falls Church, for example, is currently decorated with Mexican flags, ribbons, and artifacts and is featuring a build-your-own Taco dinner.

It is difficult to estimate the target opening date of the Virginia Avenue Bob's Big Boy Family Restaurant. The remodeling effort seems to be proceeding very slowly. But if the pace begins to pick up in the near future, Foggy Bottom residents (and the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge overnight guests) may have a brand new neighborhood eatery to try out in the next 4-6 weeks.

## FOGGY DOINGS

By the time this is published, we all hope our good friend **Mike White** will be back delivering our mail, after a long spell of sick leave. Mike, a most popular postal carrier, fell late last year and broke a bone in his elbow in a bunch of pieces. The break required surgery and a long period of recuperation and physical therapy. The accident happened while Mike was jogging; I love it — he makes his living walking up and down streets and steps, and still he jogs!

Make a note that **Stephen P. Carson** is now the police captain with responsibility for our part of the Second District. Officially we are "Sector 1," and Captain Carson was just named to Sector 1's top post. I understand he has served in our area before. His phone is 282-0032.

Residents of the 2500 block of Eye have said farewell to **Debbie Shacter** and her husband, **Roger Niece**, who purchased a home of their own in Falls Church. They moved in late January from the house they had been renting for several years.

Did you see the recent story on Capital Edition about the local Domino's Pizza operation? The unique pep rally sales

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management was shown, and it was noted that this local outlet has recorded top sales for the city time and time again. As you know, it is located at 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, and is known as the Georgetown branch. They may know pizza but they don't know geography, do they?

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## WORD OF MOUTH

BY JEFFREY S. BALTER, DDS, PC

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When DC ground to a standstill in the back-to-back snowstorms, snow shoveling kept citizens from getting too lethargic.



O.K. — I give up — where IS my front door?

## A Poet's Plea

by Ernie Greenly  
(Reprinted with Permission)

What truer eye,  
What nobler heart,  
Doth warm the winter day,  
Than the true blue orb  
And the oaken core  
Of beloved, old dog tray.  
—from *Faulty Memory*

What ghastlier soup,  
What gruesomer goop,  
Doth foul the fairest day,  
Than the pile of poop,  
At the foot of my stoop,  
Of beloved, old dog tray.

He's a cultural lag,  
Like the brown, paper bag,  
That continues to plague us  
today;  
Yet his master will brag  
At the size of the slag  
Of beloved, old dog tray.

At founder's park  
It's not the bark  
Nor bite that scares me away;  
It's the fear I'll step in  
The excreted din-din  
Of beloved, old dog tray.

I dive for a pass  
And land in the grass  
At the park on Saturday,

And, during the tumble,  
I recover the fumble  
Of beloved, old dog tray.

Breathes there a man  
With head so dead,  
While jogging the bike-  
pathway,  
Will not curse instead  
Of patting the head  
Of beloved, old dog tray?

I'm sure some fool  
Has written a rule  
For old town right-of-way:  
"Stop for the mule,  
And yield to the stool  
Of beloved, old dog tray."

What's it to you  
That we face doggie-do  
By the ton in our street every  
day?

It's probably true,  
You're part of the crew  
Of beloved, old dog tray.

But, you, I implore,  
All avenues explore  
For ways to rid this decay,  
Lest, to your own door,  
You follow the spore  
Of beloved, old dog tray.

The above was written to the Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia, but strikes a responsive chord in Foggy Bottom residents. Interestingly, the Mayor, assisted by a talented employee, responded to the plea in poetry as well. Incidentally, Alexandria is much luckier than the District; they actually have wardens who give people tickets for disobeying their law; that is not the case in D.C.

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## A LITTLE SNOW... (continued from page 1)

post-snow week, diagonal parking seemed to be the rule rather than the exception. With the melt came regular parking again.

Newspaper delivery in the aftermath of the storm prompted some stories as well. On the Sunday between snows I encountered a *Washington Post* agent unloading papers at a Foggy Bottom apartment building. To my comment that I had heard lots of calls about missing papers, he agreed that many customers don't seem to understand difficulties faced by the carriers. In addition to the difficulty of getting through the snow, he indicated most of his delivery personnel lived in Virginia and were unable to get into the city. He also related

investigating a complaint for non-delivery to a home; he found, of course, that nothing had been done to clear the street or sidewalk, yet the homeowner expected the paper delivered as if nothing was amiss.

The carrier in our area impressed me by driving down our street long before its heavy covering of ice began to melt. My only complaint was his aim one day; I had shoveled a three-foot path on my sidewalk and all the way up my front steps. With all that cleared area, one day the paper was way over in the snow, atop a bank 4 feet deep. It poses a dilemma when you are in robe and slippers!

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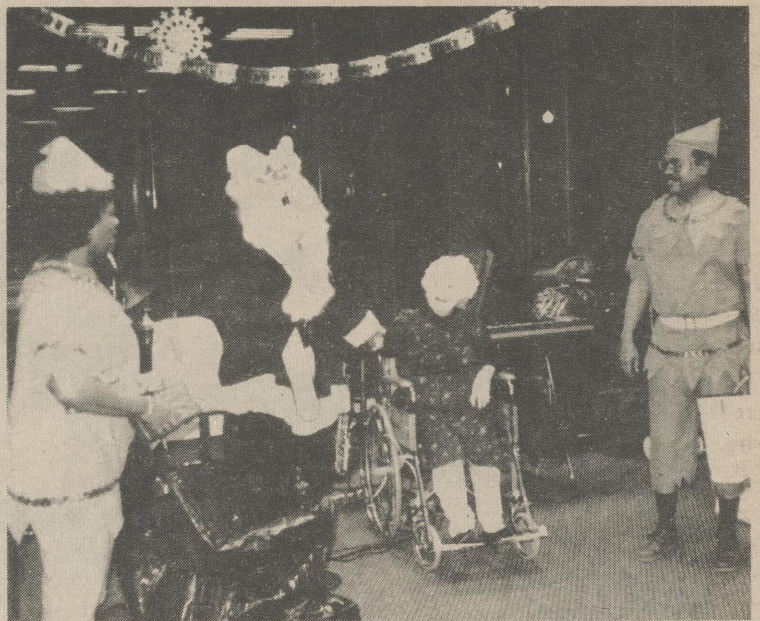
## ST. MARY'S COURT

by Mrs. Santa Claus (MEH)

Santa's annual visit to St. Mary's Court was a first class act. Councilmember John Wilson made the real Santa take second billing; Mary Healy did her Mrs. Santa Claus bit from a wheel chair; John's staff, Lucy Young and Eric Jones, were as sprightly a pair of Christmas elves as you would ever want to see; and Al and Opal Cottrell did their thing to help Santa on his trip back home.

Residents of St. M's received Christmas gifts

and hugs and kisses from the Christmas group. Santa's explanation of what it took for him to get from his workshop at the North Pole to St. Mary's Court was hilarious! There was eating and singing and dancing and, and, and; and more eating and singing and dancing, and, and, and until the wee hours. The senior citizens at St. Mary's Court really know how to welcome Santa Claus and his troops.



The Wilson-Healy-Cottrell-and-assorted troops Christmas Act at St. Mary's Court is a tradition by now; it has been going on for several years. Last year Jim Zais filled in as Santa while Wilson was off educating "the boys at Harvard" on how city government really works.

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## Some of our Heritage:

## Hamburg — A Blueprint Town

Foggy Bottomites who enjoy reading about early days in Washington will be interested to learn — as we did — that there is a splendid cache of information on the subject in the Washingtoniana Room of the Main Public Library. Among other things, we recently discovered a complete file of the fascinating articles on Old Washington written by the late John Clagett Proctor for the *Sunday Star* over a period of many years. The material is well indexed and we were delighted to find that Mr. Proctor had not neglected Foggy Bottom. With this issue we begin a series based on the Proctor articles, it being our intention to prove that the Bottom has an interesting past as well as a sparkling present and an extremely promising future.

The following is taken from a JCP piece in the *Sunday Star* of November 24, 1956.

If you were to ask the average Washingtonian the location of Hamburg, he most likely would not know; yet this town-on-paper was laid out and lots sold before the city of Washington was thought of. The same can be said of Carrollsburg. Both town sites were within the boundaries of the old city and east of Rock Creek. Carrollsburg was located in the area south of the Capitol building.

Hamburg, or Funkston — part of it was known as Foggy Bottom — was laid out just west of the White House when the site of Washington was a part of Prince Georges County. The plot of the town was recorded at Upper Marlboro on October 28, 1771. Jacob Funk had purchased the tract of land, consisting of about 130 acres, in 1765 from Thomas Johns. Funk did not immediately record his plot of 287 lots as evidenced by a receipt given him three years before. This receipt described the property as between "Rock Grick" and "Goose Grick," the last being a name of Tiber Creek.

The map of Hamburg in the Library of Congress shows five streets and an alley running east and west: Water Street, Front Alley, Second Street, Third or Raven Street, Fourth Street, and Fifth Street. Streets running north and south included such names as High, Arch, Market, Persemon (Persimmon), Walnut, Locust, Mulberry, and Rock Streets. Front Alley was 33 feet wide, and the streets varied from 60 to 80 feet.

When the present site for the Federal City had been determined, what to do with Carrollsburg and Hamburg was a problem. President Washington early realized the impor-

tance of obliterating these towns that might interfere with plans being drawn by Major L'Enfant. General Washington's concern in the town of Hamburg is evidenced by three letters. On February 17, 1791, he addressed a letter from Philadelphia to William Deakin, Jr. and Benjamin Stoddert, in which he said:

"The Maryland Assembly has authorized a certain number of acres to be taken without the consent of the owners by making compensation as therein prescribed. This will be principally useful as to the old lots of Hamburg. However, before purchasing up lots, or as many as we can, we shall be free to take, on the terms of the act, so much of any other lands in our way, and consequently those whose proprietors refuse all arrangement. I will therefore beg the favor of you to take measures immediately for buying up all the lots you can in Hamburg, on the lowest terms you can, not exceed the rate of 25 pounds an acre.

"I leave it to yourselves to dispatch a private agent for this purpose, to treat with the proprietors wherever to be found — or to do it by any other means which, in your discretion, shall appear not too expensive, and which may not excite suspicion of their being on behalf of the public."

In September 1793, the President purchased four lots in Carrollsburg, and later, in order to show no partiality as to any particular section of the city, purchased square numbered 21 in Hamburg, which he referred to in his will, saying:

"I give and bequeath to George Washington Parke Custis, the grandson of my wife and my ward, and to his heirs, the tract I hold on Four Mile Run in the vicinity of Alexandria containing 1,200 acres more or less, and my entire square, number 21, in the City of Washington."

This square is between 25th and 26th and D and E Streets, N.W., in the block immediately west of the old Observatory grounds, and was most likely adjacent to Hamburg proper, since the western boundary of the town was probably 23rd Street, the eastern between 18th and 19th Streets, the northern about H Street, and the river to the south.

[Reprinted from October 1959 issue of the News.]

## Highlights of ANC-2A Monthly Meeting January 13, 1987

**Election of Officers:** New officers of the ANC are Charles Clapp, Chairman; Ralph Rosenbaum, 1st Vice Chairman; Richard Striner, 2nd Vice Chairman; Maria Tyler, Secretary; and Sue Schumacher, Treasurer.

**Malpractice Tort Reform Bill:** Dr. David Silva of the D.C. Medical Association urged the ANC and residents to support Council Bill #6-540 which would put a cap on medical liability awards. D.C. is one of the few jurisdictions not having such legislation.

The issue of medical clinics in residential areas was raised, as was the fact that the ANC has been unable to get the D.C. Medical Association to oppose the present zoning which allows it. Dr. Silva promised to check into the issue.

**Parking at 23rd & L Police Station:** The police at the 23rd & L station (special operations division) have requested permission to pave and park cars on a grassy area on the 23rd Street side of the station. ANC opposes and will write suggesting they reorganize existing parking, rent space in commercial lots or car pool. The ANC will also ask that the area be resodded in the spring as police cars are already parking there.

**Griffin Parking:** The Griffin (26th & K) has requested that the D.C. Traffic Bureau allow elimination of 2 parking spaces in front of the building to allow passengers to be discharged closer to the building; 28 feet of parking would be removed. No action was taken; ANC will have time to comment once rule is published.

**Residential PUD - 26th & L:** Jon Nowick reported that the Ad Hoc Committee composed of ANC and FBA representatives had met twice, once with representatives of the developer. Five areas of concern were mentioned: the proposal to rezone from residential to mixed commercial; height and bulk must be in conformity with existing buildings; the building should include larger apartments (more bedrooms) to attract long-term tenants; assurances that rentals will be long-term; and sufficient in-building parking.

**Circle Theater:** Mr. Striner expressed concern at possible non-compliance by the D.C. government with laws protecting against asbestos; D.C. did not address federal requirements on asbestos when issuing demolition permit. The ANC will express its concern formally to the D.C. government.

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A wide variety of events is available at the center. For example, during January films were presented on the medieval Belgian city of Bruges, on Mexican engraver Jose Guadalupe Posada, and on Japan; tapestries from Senegal and photographs of Mexico by Juan Rulfo were displayed. Presentations on economic subjects are also held.

## Columbia Hospital Sponsors Free Seminars on Pregnancy and Parenting

Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center will sponsor two free seminars on pregnancy and parenting on Friday, March 6 and 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Teresa Adkins Conference Room, 2425 L Street, N.W. The seminars are part of Columbia's community education program, "Planning for Pregnancy." The program is designed to assist individuals and couples who are considering parenthood understand the physical, emotional and practical considerations involved in making the decision to become parents.

At the March 6 session, titled "Pregnancy and Parenthood:

Can We Handle It? Can We Afford it?," Andrea Leiman, Ph.D., child clinical psychologist, will address the emotional and financial considerations involved in deciding to have a baby. Then on Friday, March 20, during a session on "Professional Parenting," speakers Kim Smith and Susan Satterfield, authors of *The Metropolitan Mothers at Work Book*, will discuss practical considerations for two-career families and single working parents, with an emphasis on child care options.

The sessions are the third and fourth in a four-part series of seminars on pregnancy and parenting. The first two seminars, held in February, addressed how to have a healthy pregnancy, and genetic screening in planning for pregnancy. For more information or to register, call Columbia Hospital for Women at 293-6514.

## FB Chamber Music at Marvin Center March 14

The Foggy Bottom Chamber Music Society, Burnett Thompson, Artistic Director, brings a refreshing mixture of jazz, classical and modern composition to the Marvin Theater at George Washington University. Personnel are drawn from the National Symphony Orchestra for the traditional chamber music and from the ranks of top local jazz musicians. The Manchester String Quartet will also perform on the series this year.

The next concert takes place on March 14, 8:00 p.m. The program includes the Debussy Cello Sonata, the magnificent Trio of Charles Ives, and music of Burnett Thompson and Al Merz for piano and percussion. Mr. Thompson is known to many in the area as the pianist at the West End Cafe, where he has been appearing since 1981.

For further information, call 243-5007. Tickets are \$10/\$5 for students and seniors.

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## FOGGY BOTTOM SITES RECEIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

by William A. Matthews

The Mayor's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Neighborhood Beautification throughout the city recently held its Annual Awards Ceremony. The Foggy Bottom area was once again in the lead, receiving five awards in this citywide campaign. The Mayor's Committee promotes environmental improvement efforts by recognizing those citizens, businesses and institutions that have improved and made their properties more attractive through quality landscaping and beautification, litter and erosion control, maintenance and planting.

The Foggy Bottom awardees were:

**The United Church at 20th and G Streets NW.** This church occupies an old and beautiful building on that corner and has been recognized for its extensive rehabilitation of its historic building, thereby improving the general area.

**Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center and the Tiber Construction Co.** jointly received an award for the manner in which CHW's new professional office building was constructed. During construction, community residents were kept informed of such matters as

when noise might be expected, sidewalks blocked, etc. The area around the site was swept after each day's work and other accommodations were made to the immediate neighborhood.

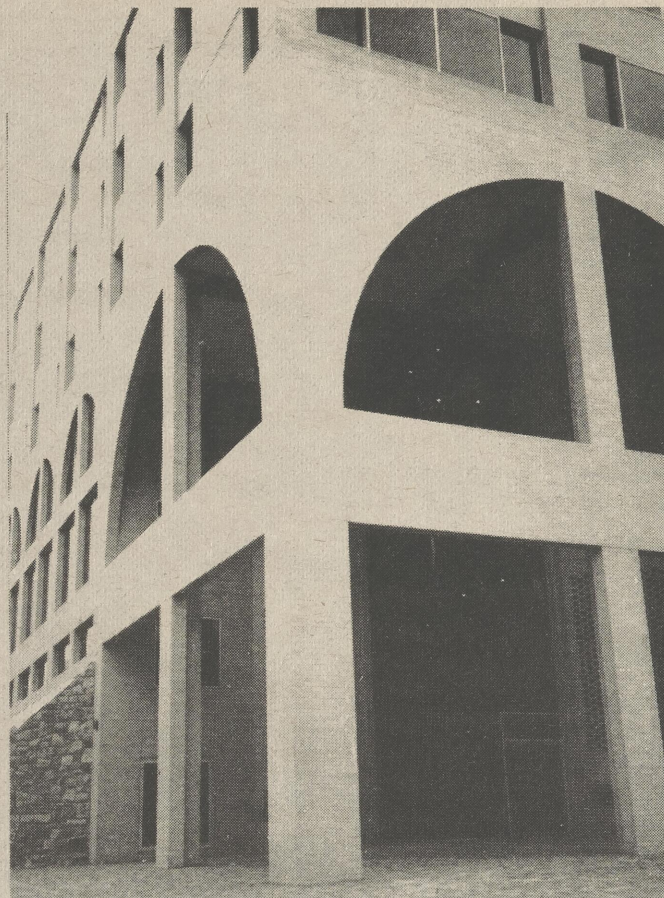
The **George Washington University** was again a winner, this time with two awards. One was for the general improvement of the area through the rehabilitation of the Hawthorne Hotel, now the University Inn, and its grounds on G Street NW. An award was also given to GWU for the overall appearance and maintenance of its new support building and its grounds.

**St. Mary's Court**, on 24th Street between G and H Streets NW, again received an award for its continuing beautification of the garden space on 24th Street, thus benefiting the entire community. The elderly residents of the Court actively aid in planning and maintaining the garden. Flowers and plants are chosen to provide a continuous display of color throughout the year.

**Mary Healy**, who chairs the city-wide Committee for Neighborhood Beautification, also received a Special Merit Award from the Mayor for her work on the Committee.



United Church at 20th & G Streets



Columbia Hospital's professional office building, 25th & M Streets

## PHOTOREALIST EXHIBITS PAINTINGS AT NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Richard Houdesheldt's photorealist paintings of water lilies and water lotuses, and his expressionistic renderings of southern landscapes, are on display at the National Academy of Sciences through March 13.

Houdesheldt has spent much time exploring swamp and wilderness areas in the Southeast. Recently, he lived for several months on Cumberland Island, a National Wilderness area off the coast of Florida. His large, colorful, oil paintings reflect his detailed observation of the regions where he has lived and traveled and his great affection for the Southeast.

The National Academy of Sciences' show is the young painter's first solo exhibition. His work has appeared in sev-

eral galleries in Atlanta, Georgia where he lives and works, most recently at the Abstein Gallery, and at the First Atlanta Biennial in 1984. He has also exhibited at the 1985 Birmingham Alabama Biennial, held at the Birmingham Museum, and in Anchorage, Alaska.

The exhibit, presented by Arts in the Academy, is open to the public free of charge, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Academy is located at 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

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## DPW Reports on Problems & Plans

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has been actively pursuing the resolution of traffic issues identified during a series of meetings with Foggy Bottom. The purpose of this letter is to bring you up-to-date on the latest developments and plans for traffic improvements in the Foggy Bottom area. As a result, the following can be reported:

**Problem:** Improved pedestrian crossing is needed at the intersection of 25th and K Streets. Separation of the traffic light is also needed at this location to provide for safer access onto the Whitehurst Freeway, and to better control merging vehicles at the intersection. Also, "No Right Turn" movements should be further restricted for eastbound traffic at the intersection of 25th and K Street.

**Status:** The Bureau of Traffic Services is planning to lengthen and widen the medians located at the intersection of 25th and K Streets to improve pedestrian crossing. Signal modification is also planned at this intersection to improve vehicular circulation.

DPW is also investigating the feasibility of constructing a traffic device to further inhibit "No Right Turn" movements for eastbound traffic at the intersection of 25th and K Streets. The plans for the proposed traffic signal modifications and the median lengthenings have been designed by the Bureau of Traffic Services and are awaiting federal budgetary approval.

**Problem:** Sidewalks should be widened along K Street between 24th and 26th Streets.

**Status:** This problem is currently under investigation and analysis by DPW staff. A letter will be sent to all Task Force members indicating staff findings.

**Problem:** The public space in the Foggy Bottom/West End area currently lacks sufficient landscaping detail that would enhance the area's historic character. Landscaping is particularly needed along the Whitehurst freeway area.

**Status:** DPW's Hans Larson, Project Manager, Adopt-A-Park Program, and Hans Johansson, Chief, Tree Maintenance Division, will attend an upcoming Task Force meeting to discuss specific landscaping resources available to the Foggy Bottom community, including the Adopt-A-Park program.

**Problem:** Scrubby trees and bushes are located at the ends of the two incomplete I-66 ramps.

**Status:** The trees and bushes have been trimmed.

**Problem:** A green left-turn arrow is needed for access into the Kennedy Center for westbound traffic on Virginia Avenue turning left onto New Hampshire Avenue.

**Status:** To accommodate left-turn movements from Virginia Avenue to the Kennedy Center, changes have been made to the signal phasing to allow for the separation of traffic movement between the inner and outer circle at Virginia Avenue and 25th Street. This new phasing creates gaps in the traffic to accommodate the left-turn movement.

**Problem:** Traffic moves too fast on Virginia Avenue.

**Status:** Signs will be installed along Virginia Avenue, particularly around the underpass at 23rd Street.

**Problem:** Signalization or clearly marked pedestrian walkways are needed at 26th and L Streets.

**Status:** This intersection has been repainted. We are currently

investigating the need for additional signage.

**Problem:** Noise attenuation devices are needed on K Street.

**Status:** This is not a feasible project. The devices are very expensive and unsightly. Also, they are only used on Virginia roadway projects which receive Federal Highway funding (I-66, for example).

**Problem:** A patch of concrete located at 26th and K Streets has a noticeable hump that should be smoothed out for safety and noise purposes.

**Status:** The problem has been reported to the Bureau of Maintenance Services for repair.

**Problem:** The Jersey barriers on Virginia Avenue should be replaced with an iron picket fence.

**Status:** The District is planning to proceed with a contract to remove the Jersey barriers and replace them with a steel picket ornamental fence with accident attenuators at each end. A notice announcing this action has been published in the D.C. Register and has been sent to the ANC-2A Chairman.

I will continue to notify you of traffic developments as they occur and will inform you of our next Task Force meeting. In the meantime should any questions arise, please feel free to call Michelle LaViolette at 939-8155. Thank you for your interest in Foggy Bottom traffic issues.

Sincerely,

Wallace Cohen  
Deputy Administrator

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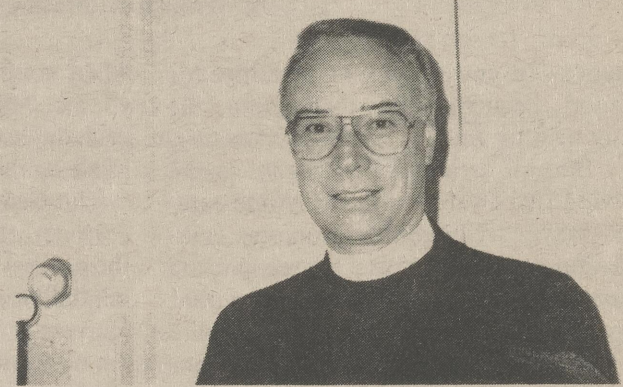
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## FACES OF FOGGY BOTTOM

by Kirsten L. Olsen



Name: The Reverend James R. Daughtry  
Hometown: Roswell, New Mexico  
Business: Pastor, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church  
Hobbies: Symphony and opera  
Address: Rectory townhouse, 25th Street

Wearing black all the time isn't at all bad, says Rev. Daughtry, pastor of St. Paul's for 13 years. "You don't have to get up in the morning and say, 'What am I going to put on?'"

A former Air Force pilot with a B.S. in foreign service from Georgetown University, Daughtry says being a minister is a little different than he thought it would be when he was in the seminary in New York. "Going through seminary and being ordained is like dating and getting married. You have a pretty good idea of how it will be, but you still don't know what it's really going to involve. You learn pretty soon you have to rely on your own ingenuity."

Daughtry started his ministry in Florida, and then after three years moved back to his native Southwest to Tucson, Arizona for 11 years. When he learned he was coming to Wash-

ington, D.C., where he had attended Georgetown U., Daughtry says he was delighted. He says he thought, "How is it that God has brought me back not only to the city I love best of all, but to the neighborhood I do?"

He has Thursdays off, and says he especially enjoys his Sunday mornings. St. Paul's, says Daughtry, has a stable group of parishioners at about 1000. He says about 600 attend regularly on Sundays, many families coming from the suburbs as far away as Burke, Virginia. For the church (designed by the same architect as the Washington Cathedral) his goals in the near future involve improvements to the property such as handicapped access, insulating the sanctuary, and improving security. Programs such as feeding the poor and planning social activities are continuing. Daughtry says he just wants Foggy Bottom to know St. Paul's is interested in community activities as well as church activities.

(Ed. Note: FBA is fully aware of St. Paul's interest in the community. St. Paul's has made its hall available for FBA meetings for over 20 years, and was the scene of many FBA social events as well.)

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